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STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR JOHN YEO.
WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS
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ITEM NO: 2 DATE: 10 MAY 1974

SUBJECT: TENSE ATMOSPHERE IN VIENTIANE

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VIENTIANE IS FULL OF STORIES THAT AN ATTEMPTED COUP OR SOME SORT OF MILITARY ACTION WILL OCCUR TOMORROW, LAO CONSTITUTION DAY. THE US EMBASSY ADVISES, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT A SERIOUS SITUATION WILL DEVELOP. 25X1X6

4 THE LAO COMMUNISTS ARE PARTICULARLY JITTERY OVER THE FALSE OR
3 DISTORTED REPORTS THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING. [redacted]
2 [redacted] HAVE BOTH ASSURED COMMUNIST OFFICIALS
1 THAT THERE IS NO BASIS TO THESE REPORTS, AND [redacted] HAS

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PROMISED TO KEEP THE COMMUNISTS INFORMED OF ANY INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE ACTION THAT HE MAY RECEIVE.

THE COALITION GOVERNMENT IS ALSO SEEKING TO CALM THE ATMOSPHERE. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY THAT BOTH SIDES HAD AGREED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ENSURE SECURITY AND SUPPRESS ANY UNREST. 25X1X6 25X1X6

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[redacted] BELIEVES SOME STUDENTS MAY DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW--EVEN THOUGH THE KING HAS AGREED WITH SOUVANNA'S RECENT DECISION NOT TO REOPEN THE LEGISLATURE. [redacted]

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[redacted] DID NOT BELIEVE MANY STUDENTS WOULD TURN OUT FOR A DEMONSTRATION BECAUSE MOST OF THEM FEAR THAT DISTURBANCES COULD DEVELOP. THE STUDENTS APPARENTLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS NO LAST-MINUTE REVERSAL OF THE DECISION NOT TO REOPEN THE ASSEMBLY, WHICH THEY REGARD AS A CORRUPT, OUTMODED, AND OBSTRUCTIO-
IST BODY. BE-2 IMPDET.H

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